(d) whether Government are awre that according to SAARC consultative committee's finding at its recently held meeting in New Delhi, in India alone by 2000 A.D. more than 1.2 million AIDS cases will occur; and

(e) if so, what remedial steps have been taken so far by Governmet to check AIDS in the country; state-wise details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) WHO has not given US$ 80 .million for the programme. Their commitment is US$ 1.5 million worth of technical assistance. However, World Bank has committeed a soft loan of US$ 84 millions for imnlementing the scheme for prevention and control of AIDS in India, out of which Rs. 166 crores (Approx. 61.5%) has been incurred upto 1995-96.

(d) Any estimate/projection of AIDS cases by 2000 A.D. 'is at best a conjecture. No categorical statement can be made in this respect.

(e) A comprehensive programme for the orevention and control of AIDS is currently under implemention as a centrally sponsored scheme throughtout the country. The strategies of the programme consist of generation of awarencess amongst high risk behaviour and general public about HIV/AIDS, control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Blood Sefety and retional use of blood, better Surveillance; and diagnosis and Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS cases.

Proposal for Opening of Additional Offices of Registrar of Companies in Maharashtra

1020. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is only one Registrar of Companies for the entire State of Maharashtra having the largest number of Companies in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to open additonal offices of Registrar of Companies in the State of Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) to (d) Governemnt recongnise the need for opening additional offices of Registrar of Companies in the State of Maharashtra. However, no final decision has been taken in this regard.

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश और गुजरात में दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी के प्रसारण क्षेत्र को बढ़ाये जाने के लक्ष्य

1021. श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी के प्रसारण क्षेत्र को बढ़ाने के लिये क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये हैं;

(ख) इस संबंध में राज्य-वार अब तक क्या उपलब्धि रही है; और

(ग) चालू योजना की शेष अवधि के दौरान गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश के लिये परिकल्पित दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी के प्रसारण क्षेत्र के विस्तार का ब्यौरा क्या है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी॰ एम॰ इब्राहिम): (क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्त तक आकाशवाणी को जनसंख्या कवरेज 98% तथा क्षेत्रवार 91.5% कवरेज प्राप्त करने की आशा है जबकि दूरदर्शन